

Internet Access on the New BadgerNet: How to file for E-rate

**Replaces and supersedes all earlier presentations,
with updated instructions for filing the AT&T 471**

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Who is This Presentation For?

- This presentation is for current TEACH customers who are transitioning to the new BadgerNet
- It explains your E-rate filing options for internet access.
- If you have chosen your local telephone company as your internet access provider on the new BadgerNet, you do not need to review this presentation. You will simply file a single Form 471 for their service.

Who is This Presentation For?

- If you have not chosen your local telephone company as your internet access provider, you are at risk of losing E-rate funding for internet access when your site is cut over to the new BadgerNet.
- The purpose of this presentation is to help you file for E-rate internet access funding with little or no funding loss.

Cutover to the New BadgerNet

- School site cutovers to the new BadgerNet will begin in July.
- The month when your site will be cut over to the new BadgerNet is forecast in a document sent to TEACH customers on April 26.
- However, AT&T emphasizes that these dates are tentative and subject to change.
- Out of 350 TEACH sites, AT&T's document shows that 17 have the highest degree of likelihood of being cut over during the July and August.

Before and After Cutover

- Before your site is cut over the new BadgerNet, your internet access provider will be the same as your current internet access provider -- in most cases, WiscNet.
- After your site is cut over, AT&T will be your internet access provider, whether you have chosen WiscNet on BadgerNet or AT&T's MIS on BadgerNet service.

Before and After Cutover

- This is why current WiscNet customers received two quotations for internet access.
- The first, from WiscNet, is for WiscNet service until you are cut over.*
- The second, from AT&T, is for service after you are cut over. This quotation provides pricing for WiscNet on BadgerNet service or AT&T's MIS on BadgerNet service.

* If you currently receive service from a different alternate provider on BCN, you might also have receive a month to month quotation from them.

Choosing your Service

- You indicated your preference for internet service on BadgerNet in October 2016, when you submitted your BadgerNet data spreadsheet to TEACH.
- If you indicated “AT&T,” you will receive **MIS on BadgerNet** service starting at time of cutover.
- If you indicated “WiscNet,” you will receive **WiscNet on BadgerNet** service starting at time of cutover.

Justifying Your Choice

- Whether you chose WiscNet on BadgerNet or AT&T's MIS on BadgerNet, PIA may ask you to justify your choice.
- Price does not have to be the only factor you consider.
- This is illustrated in USAC's [Bid Evaluation Matrix](#).
- You should create a dated internal memo, such as an e-mail, explaining your decision.
- In E-rate terms this is called a "mini-bid."

If I stay with WiscNet, why will AT&T be my Internet access provider?

- It is defined that way in the BadgerNet contract.
- As a result, your quotation for WiscNet on BadgerNet comes from AT&T.
- In addition, you will be billed for service by AT&T.

Filing the Form 471

In light of very recent developments, DPI now recommends one of two filing options. *We no longer recommend Option 1*, described in earlier presentations.

Option 2 revised: *Most recommended.* File 2 FRNs, overlapping; the first to WiscNet for service through December 31, 2017, and the second to AT&T for the entire funding year.

Option 3: *Less recommended, but still an option.* File 1 FRN for service with AT&T as the provider for the whole year (for WiscNet on BadgerNet or AT&T MIS on BadgerNet).

Filing the Form 471

- For most districts, we believe that **Option 2 revised** is the best choice because it is more likely to minimize loss of funding than Option 3.
- However, each district must choose for itself which filing option to use.
- Note: if you did not file a Form 470 for internet access, you must use Option 3.

Option 1: File 1 FRN for service with WiscNet as the provider

Option 1 is no longer recommended

Option 2 revised: File 2 overlapping FRNs, the first for WiscNet as the provider through December 31, 2017, and the second for AT&T as the provider for the entire funding year.

- DPI considers this the best filing option.
- This filing approach has been approved by USAC.
- USAC has agreed to retroactively adjust your FRN start and end dates, to reflect actual cutover dates.
- No additional filing will be required by applicants.
- Details on how to fill in your two FRNs are on the next 2 slides. *You must file both FRNs for Option 2.*

Option 2: First FRN

WiscNet, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

First FRN to Wiscnet, July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018:

Funding Request Nickname (suggested): WiscNet FRN

Service Type: Data Transmission and/or Internet Access

Agreement information: Month to Month

Establishing FCC Form 470: *[the number of the 470 you filed for Internet access]*

Was Form 470 Posted?: Yes

How many bids were received?: *[enter the number of bids received]*

Service Start Date: July 1, 2017

Service Provider: Wiscnet, SPIN 143004351

When will the Services End?: June 30, 2018

Cost Calculation: Use quotation provided by WiscNet in response to your Form 470.

Months of Service: 12

Option 2: Second FRN

AT&T, July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Before creating the FRN to AT&T:

- You have have to enter information into your EPC site about the AT&T contract.
- To do this you have to “Add a New Contract” to your site.
 - 1) Go to your Landing Page.
 - 2) Choose your school district from “My Entities.”
 - 3) Choose “Contracts” from the links on the left side of the screen.
 - 4) Click on the “Manage Contracts” button on the upper right of the screen.
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Before creating the FRN to AT&T:

- You will now enter “Contract Information.”
 - 1) “Nickname” -- [*suggested: “Badgernet Contract”*]
 - 2) “Contract Number” -- 505004-014-BCNMGSRVCS-01 (Save and Continue)
 - 3) “Would you like to upload a copy of your contract?” -- NO (Save and Continue)
 - 4) “Is this contract based on a State Master Contract?” -- YES
 - 5) “Is this contract based on a multiple award schedule?” -- NO (Save and Continue)
 - 6) “Can other applicants piggy back off this contract?” -- NO
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 - 4) "FCC Form 470 Number" -- enter 891980001346160 (save and continue)

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- You will now enter information about the Service Provider (AT&T)
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- You will now enter information about Contract Dates
 - 1) "Is this a multi-year contract?" -- YES
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Now -- finally -- the BadgerNet contract has been “associated” with your school district. You are ready to create the yearlong AT&T FRN. Start by entering Basic and Entity information:

Funding Request Nickname (suggested): AT&T FRN

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Agreement Information: Contract

Now, “Associate a Contract” -- search by your school district’s BEN.

The information you entered when you uploaded the contract will be automatically entered into your FRN. You will need to enter additional information about the contract expiration date, months of service, and pricing -- see the next slide.

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Agreement Information: Contract

Contract number: 505004-O14-BCNMGSRVCS-01

Establishing Form 470: 891980001346160

Was Form 470 posted?: Yes

Award Date: 8/1/2016

How many bids were received for this contract: 2

Service start date: July 1, 2017

Service provider: AT&T, SPIN 143001192

Based on State Master Contract: Yes

Based on a multiple award schedule: No

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Option 2: Pros and Cons

Pros and cons of Option 2:

Pro:

- You should not lose more than one month of funding, regardless of when you are cut over.

Con:

- You will likely get funding approval later than under Option 3.

Option 3: File 1 FRN for service with AT&T as the provider (WiscNet or AT&T MIS on BadgerNet)

- DPI considers this the second best option.
- In this option, a single FRN is filed for AT&T as the service provider.
- No FRN is filed for WiscNet as a service provider.
- WiscNet customers will file this FRN for WiscNet on BadgerNet service, with AT&T as the provider.
- *If you did not file a Form 470 for internet access, you must use this option.*
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Option 3: Pros and Cons

Pros and cons of Option 3:

Pro:

- You will likely get funding approval sooner than under Option 2.

Cons:

- For every month after July that you are cut over, you will lose an additional month of funding.
- Degrees of confidence for July/August cutover:
 - a) Level 1: 17 sites (highest confidence)
 - b) Level 2: 60 sites (less certain)
 - c) Level 3: 167 sites (least certain)

For more details, read the FAQ

This presentation is intended to provide an overview of your filing options. For more details on the filing options and on all things BadgerNet, watch the [DPI E-rate Learning Library](#) for updated FAQ.